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SUBJECT: CALL ON PRESIDENT FRANGIE

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1. YESTERDAY MORNING JULY 4 PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BOUTROS DIB CALLED TO WISH US HAPPY 4TH OF JULY. DURING ENSUING CONVERSATION, I MENTIONED THAT IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA FOR ME TO CALL ON PRESIDENT FRANGIE THIS COMING WEEK JUST TO MAINTAIN CONTACT. DIB HEARTILY CONCURRED, SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT, AND CALLED BACK SHORTLY TO SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT WANTED TO SEE ME AT 1900 LAST EVENING.

2. FORMIN TAKLA SAT IN ON MEETING, AND WE REVIEWED REFTTEL. NEITHER TAKLA NOR FRANGIE MADE ANY PARTICULAR COMMENTS EXCEPT THAT ISRAELI STRATEGY APPARENTLY CONTINUES TO BE SERIES OF DELAYING TACTICS. TAKLA SAID, HOWEVER, HE HOPED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH ME THIS COMING WEEK.

3. CONVERSATION LASTED ABOUT 30 MINUTES. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, WE DISCUSSED THE DISAPPEARANCE OF COLONEL MORGAN AT SOME LENGTH. PRESIDENT LOOKED BETTER THAN I HAD SEEN HIM IN SOME TIME. I CONGRATULATED HIM ON SOLVING GOVERNMENT CRISIS, AND HE SAID THAT HE WAS MUCH RELIEVED THAT MATTER SETTLED.

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